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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits these references in compliance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

References J-1 thru P-1 and J-2 thru P-2 were cited in a counterpart international application. The relevance of the references in the Japanese language (which includes all of the references except for Reference M-1) may be ascertained by reviewing the corresponding English language abstract (see References Q-1 thru V-1 and Q-2 thru W-2). In addition, machine-generated English translations of References J-2 thru M-2, N-2, and O-2 are attached. For the Examiner's use and information, a copy of the International Search Report also is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event it is determined that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP179).

Respectfully submitted,

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